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Corps of Engineers extends comment period to Feb. 2 on Final Impact Statement for Proposed South Carolina State Ports Authority Marine Container Terminal

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District is extending the public comment period until February 2, on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Proposed Marine Container Terminal and access roadway at the Charleston Naval Complex. The public's comments will be considered in development of the record of decision on the permit applications.

"We received numerous requests from elected officials, resource agencies and the concerned public asking us to extend the comment period," said U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District Commander, Lt. Col. Ed Fleming. "The public's involvement in this process is crucial and we want to make sure everyone who wants to provide input has that opportunity."

Fleming added that the Corps of Engineers still expects to issue the Record of Decision on the project in April.

The final EIS describes the Proposed Project – a Marine Container Terminal at the Charleston Naval Complex and an access roadway -- and provides a comprehensive analysis of potential environmental consequences of the project.

The public comments on the Final EIS will be considered in the evaluation of the proposed project and become part of the record of decision.

The final EIS is available for public review and comment online at www.PortEIS.com, or by request on compact disc. Hard copies of the document are available for public review at the following locations:

Sterett Hall
Building #180
Charleston Naval Complex
North Charleston, South Carolina 29405

City of North Charleston 4900 Lacross Road North Charleston, South Carolina 29406 Charleston County Library Cooper River Memorial 3503 Rivers Avenue Charleston, South Carolina 29405 City of Charleston 75 Calhoun Street Charleston, South Carolina 29403

Charleston County Library
Main Branch
68 Calhoun Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Charleston County Library
John L. Dart
1067 King Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29403

Town of Mount Pleasant 100 Ann Edwards Lane Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464 Mount Pleasant Regional Library 1133 Mathis Ferry Road Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464

Charleston City Fire Station 18 235 Seven Farms Drive Daniel Island, South Carolina 29492 Dorchester County Library 76 Old Trolley Road Summerville, South Carolina 29485

Otranto Road Regional Library 2261 Otranto Road North Charleston, South Carolina 29406

Comments on the final EIS should be submitted to the Corps of Engineers in the following ways.

Project Website: www.PortEIS.com

Project Hotline: 843-971-7970

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